

## Foreign Intelligence.

**A Decisive Battle looked for.**—On learning of the defeat of Dannenberg at Ottenitz, Prince Gortschakoff, without delay, took measures to attack the Turkish army. The Turkish army, on the other hand, was not to be taken by surprise. With this view he left Bucharest on the 8th, at the head of 24,000 fresh troops; and, accompanied by his entire staff, advanced toward Ottenitz. The Turkish army, at that position, were only 9,000 strong, less the *hors de combat* of the previous battle, probably 1,000 in dead and wounded. This left but 8,000 to oppose the Russian general, but the Turks were in force higher than the river would do, could, come up in time to take part in the fray.

At the time when our correspondent prepared his dispatch, (Tuesday evening, the 13th,) rumors were already flying thick that the battle had been fought.

One account stated circumstantially that the Turks had been disastrously defeated, and driven across the river. Another account, on the other hand, stated that the Russians had met with a terrible repulse. The locality of this battle is vaguely called the neighborhood of Bucharest. Another report, however, given by certain correspondents, said that the Russians attribute to themselves the victory. And yet, another account states that the fight took place at Krajova, which is the most likely to be correct, as we learn that, on the third instant, the Turkish force at Kalafat was awaiting reinforcements to march upon Krajova.

At a battle fought at Ottenitz, appears highly probable. From Vienna we learn that fighting was going on near Bucharest, on the morning of the 11th.

Out of the confused and contradictory statements which are circulated, our correspondent endeavors to elucidate the respective position of the hostile armies.

The Austrians have 40,000 men spread along the Danube. The French and British have a fleet in the sea of Marmora.

The Russians have a fleet of about thirty heavy ships on the Black Sea.

The Turks have a fleet of about equal strength, and under the command of an Englishman, (Admiral Hall,) part before Constantinople and part in the Black Sea.

The Turks have 200 gun boats on the Danube; the Russians about half that number.

The Turks, in alliance with the Circassians, and having as auxiliaries many tribes of Hunnians, have a force which gives the Russians enough to do to hold their own.

The Russians have now in the principalities 50,000 servicable men and 12,000 in hospital. Their headquarters are at Bucharest, defended by some hundred heavy guns. The army operates in two divisions, commanded respectively by Gen. Dannenberg, (already flogged,) and Gortschakoff, the latter can hold his various positions with small, easily carried, and easily transported guns, either in conjunction with Dannenberg, or on his own hook. They have communication open with Russia, are well equipped, and passably well provided. Strongly fortified, they are, however, on the way, but cannot reach for five weeks.

Cavalry reinforcements are not intended to be sent until spring. Old Paskiewitch is to take the command, and, it is expected, will soon come near the seat of war. War being now formally declared, the Russian generals may act on the defensive, if they can.

The Turks have a fleet of 200 gun boats on the Danube, established at ten points, namely, Kalarsch, opposite Siliestria; at Ottenitz; at an island opposite Guirguze, (but not at Guirguze itself, which is still held by the Russians, although semi-occupied by the Turkish army); at the river, at Simintza, at Torna, at Kalarsch, at Kalafat, where they have 12,000 men; at Rutchuck, and at Siliestria. There are, besides, movements along the Turkish side, and the Turkish army is attempting on the part of the Turks to cross lower down the stream, at Galatz, perhaps, with a view to turn the Russian flank. Omar's quarters, and those of the Turkish army, are at the latter place. Has already—taking the medium of conflicting statements—50,000 men across the river, and an equal number from the Danube and the Balkans. His troops are well armed, equipped, fed, and in the meantime, paid, and he has in his army officers of skill.

A movement we may look for at an early date, is an encounter between the main body of the two armies.

For their respective positions, see map.

A notification from the Russian minister of finance gives warning that an embargo will be placed on the Turkish ships, and that the Turkish ships, on the 22d of November. On and after that date, Turkish merchant vessels will be declared lawful prizes, even although they may have other than Turkish property on board.

The following is the text of the announcement:—

"November 6, 1853.—In consequence of war having been declared against Russia by the Turkish Empire, the Russian Government has decided to make the following communications to the trade. The warlike operations which Turkey has already begun against Russia put a stop to all intercourse between the two countries, and, nevertheless, the Porte has laid no embargo on Russian vessels lying in her ports, and in her proclamation promised to grant them a limited period for their free departure, and to allow them to make peace; at the same time the Porte promised not to hinder the free passage of merchant ships of friendly powers through the straits leading to the Black Sea.

Promoted by feelings of justice, the Russian Government, on its part, offers a free exit to the Turkish vessels that happen to be in her ports up to the 10th (22d) of November, of this year; furthermore, after the expiration of that date, our cruisers should find in Turkish vessels loaded with goods belonging to the subjects of those powers with whom Russia is in friendly intercourse, and their cargoes, will be considered as right and just prizes, and will be taken as such. Turkish flags may not have been Turkish property, but belong to a subject of a friendly power; but the navigation of merchant ships of neutral nations, even during the war, is not to be hindered. Russia, full freedom will be allowed. Commercial craft, under neutral flags, will, as heretofore, be permitted to enter and leave our ports at will, and, in consequence, the Russian Government, in order to maintain the peace of the world, but with any negotiation having for its starting point the recent Vienna diplomacy, Turkey gave up nothing.

A letter in the *Paris Patrie*, from Constantinople, 20th ultimo, states that the Turkish cruisers had chased some Russians into the harbor of Sebastopol.

By telegraph from Constantinople, 3d instant, the Turks are reported to have stormed and captured the Russian fortress on the Shekfat, (Asia.) In addition to this, several other fortresses in the vicinity of the city have fallen into the possession of the Turkish allies. These forts are, Coros, which was taken by the Kurds; Fuller, by the troops from Damascus; and Surmine, Iskra, and Kuchuk, by the troops from the Turkish fleet, and the corps will be sent to reinforce Gortschakoff.

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